Amendment to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. – 18. (canceled)

19. (currently amended) A processing status enquiry method of inquiring a status of processing executed by another computer, comprising the steps of:

sending a request of a processing which a first computer requests a second computer to perform and a first identifier of the processing to the second computer;

sending the first identifier to the second computer when the first computer inquires the second computer of a status of the processing requested;

generating, by the second computer, a second identifier corresponding to ~~a processing~~ the processing request received from the first computer and sending the second identifier to the first computer;

storing in the second computer the second identifier corresponding to the first ~~identifier; and~~identifier;

inquiring, by the first computer, to the second computer of a status of said processing using at least one of the first and second ~~identifiers.~~identifiers;

when the first computer determines, upon the inquiring, that the second identifier corresponding to the processing has not been sent due to a failure,

sending, by the first computer, the first identifier corresponding to the processing to the second computer; and

when the second identifier corresponding to the sent first identifier is stored in the second computer, sending, by the second computer, said second identifier to the first computer and inquiring, by the first computer to the second computer of a status of said processing using the sent second identifier.

20. (currently amended) A processing status enquiry system for inquiring a status of processing executed by another computer, comprising:

a client computer; and

a server computer connected to the client computer, via a network;

wherein the client computer comprises:

a first identifier generating section for generating a first identifier corresponding to a processing for which an enquiry is issued to the server computer, and

an enquiry section for sending, upon inquiring the server computer of a status of the processing, the first identifier to the server computer, wherein the server computer comprises:

a receiving section for receiving the first identifier corresponding to a processing which is requested ~~form~~ from the client computer,

an information acquiring section for acquiring, in response to a status enquiry for the processing which is received from the client computer and

which includes the first identifier, information regarding a status of said processing corresponding to the first identifier,

a second identifier generating section for generating a second identifier corresponding to said processing and storing in the server computer the second identifier corresponding to the first ~~identifier; and~~identifier; and

a transmitting section for sending the information and the second identifier to the client ~~computer.~~computer;

wherein the client computer, in response to a determination that the second identifier corresponding to said processing has not been sent due to a failure upon the inquiring, sends the first identifier corresponding to said processing to the server computer;

the server computer, in response to the second identifier corresponding to the sent first identifier being stored in the server computer, sends said second identifier to the client computer; and

the client computer inquires the server computer of a status of said processing using the sent second identifier.

21. (currently amended) A processing status enquiry system for inquiring a status of processing executed by another computer, comprising:

a first computer for sending a processing which the first computer requests a second computer to perform and a first identifier corresponding to said processing, to the second computer; and

a second computer for notifying, in response to a status inquiry of the processing which is received from the first computer and which includes the first identifier, a status of the processing to the first computer;

wherein the second computer generates a second identifier corresponding to a processing request received from the first computer and sends the second identifier to the first computer; and

wherein the first computer inquires the second computer of a status of said processing using at least one of the first and second ~~identifiers.~~identifiers; and

wherein the first computer, in response to a determination that the second identifier corresponding to the processing has not been sent due to a failure upon the inquiring, sends the first identifier corresponding to said processing to the second computer;

the second computer, in response to the second identifier, corresponding to the sent first identifier, being stored in the second computer, sends said second identifier to the first computer; and

the first computer inquires the second computer of a status of said processing using the sent second identifier.

22. (previously presented) A processing status enquiry method according to claim 19, wherein the first computer generates the first identifier and stores the first identifier on a hard disk connected thereto.

23. (previously presented) A processing enquiry method according to claim 19, wherein at least one of the first identifier and the processing includes information unique to the first computer.

24. (previously presented) A processing status enquiry method according to claim 23, wherein the unique information is an Internet Protocol (IP) address of the first computer.

25. (previously presented) A processing status enquiry method according to claim 19, wherein, when the first computer requests the second computer to perform the processing, information regarding a status of the processing is specified to which the second computer notifies the status of the processing, even without any enquiry from the first computer.

26. (previously presented) A processing status enquiry method according to claim 19, wherein when the first computer requests the second computer to perform the processing, information regarding a notification destination is specified to which the second computer notifies a status of the processing.

27. (previously presented) A processing status enquiry system according to claim 20, wherein at least one of the first identifier and the processing includes information unique to the client computer.

28. (previously presented) A processing status enquiry system according to claim 27, wherein the unique information is an Internet Protocol (IP) address of the client computer.

29. (previously presented) A processing status enquiry system according to claim 20, wherein the transmitting section of the server computer sends the status of the processing to the client computer, if the status has been changed.

30. (previously presented) A processing status enquiry system according to claim 29, wherein the server computer also comprises a storage means for storing, if the status has been changed, the status of the processing to be transmitted to the client computer.

31. (previously presented) A processing status enquiry system according to claim 29, wherein the server computer is an order receiving computer in an electronic commerce system.

32. (previously presented) A processing status enquiry system according to claim 21, wherein the first computer generates the first identifier and stores the first identifier on a hard disk connected thereto.

33. (previously presented) A processing status enquiry system according to claim 21, wherein at least one of the first identifier and the processing includes information unique to the first computer.

34. (previously presented) A processing status enquiry system according to claim 33, wherein the unique information is an Internet Protocol (IP) address of the first computer.

35. (previously presented) A processing status enquiry system according to claim 21, wherein, when the first computer requests the second computer to perform the processing, information regarding a status of the processing is specified to which the second computer notifies the status of the processing, even without the enquiry from the first computer.

36. (previously presented) A processing status enquiry system according to claim 35, wherein when the first computer requests the second computer to perform the processing, information regarding a notification destination is specified to which the second computer notifies a status of the processing.

37. (currently amended) A computer readable medium comprising instructions that, when executed by a first computer, perform a method of inquiring a

status of processing executed by a second computer, via a network, said method comprising:

sending a request of a processing which a first computer requests a second computer to perform and a first identifier of the processing to the second computer;

sending the first identifier to the second computer, when the first computer inquires the second computer of a status of the processing requested;

generating, by the second computer, a second identifier corresponding to ~~a processing~~ the processing request received from the first computer and sending the second identifier to the first computer;

storing in the second computer the second identifier corresponding to the first ~~identifier; and~~identifier;

inquiring by the first computer, the second computer of a status of said processing using at least one of the first and second ~~identifiers.~~identifiers;

when the first computer determines, upon the inquiring that the second identifier corresponding to the processing has not been sent due to a failure, sending, by the first computer, the first identifier corresponding to the processing to the second computer; and

when the second identifier corresponding to the sent first identifier is stored in the second computer, sending, by the second computer, said second identifier to the first computer and inquiring, by the first computer, the second computer of a status of said processing using the sent second identifier.

38. (previously presented) A computer readable medium according to claim 37, wherein at least one of the first identifier and the processing includes information unique to the first computer, and the unique information is an Internet Protocol (IP) address of the first computer.